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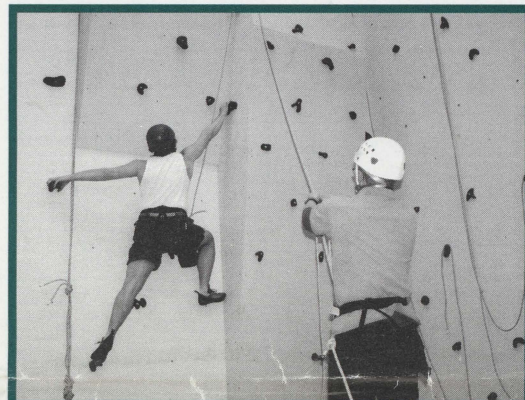
Small Grants funds available

The Gallaudet Research Institute announces that funds are still available through the Small Grants Program for the current fiscal year. Applications will be processed for as long as funds remain, and students, faculty, teachers, or staff considering a research project are encouraged to submit applications at their earliest convenience.

The Small Grants Program fosters the research activity of full-time Gallaudet University and Clerc Center faculty, teachers, and staff, as well as University students, by supporting studies with relatively small funding requirements and

durations of a year or less. Support is in the form of funds to underwrite project costs and, when necessary, technical advice to improve the quality of the research. Up to \$2,500 may be requested to support projects intended to satisfy degree or course requirements. Up to \$5,000 may be requested by faculty, teachers, and staff for all other kinds of research.

The description of the Small Grants Program and application procedures may be found at the following URL: <http://gri.gallaudet.edu/SmallGrant/brochure.pdf>.



Discovery staff member Dana Arazi demonstrates the proper technique in climbing the new rock wall in the racquetball court area of the Field House, while Kevin Sanderlin, also from Discovery, belays (works the safety rope). The wall is available to any-

one on campus who wants to test his or her climbing skills. Hours for the rock climbing wall are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon-2 p.m.; Monday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 7-9 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Prices range from \$5 for a single climbing session to \$149.99 for an entire year, plus equipment fees.

Thirty students selected to this year's 'Who's Who'

The 2003 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of 30 students from Gallaudet's Graduate School and Professional Programs who have been selected as outstanding campus leaders.

Gallaudet students named this year are: Alison Aubrecht, Michele Bishop, Greta Bonaparte, Rachel Brockmann, Talibah Buchanan, Jessteene Clifford, Katherine Emter, Maxine Francis, Jennifer Fuller, Gina Geraci, Amanda Hartmann, Eileen Hayes, Linda Hope, Floyd Jackson, Susan Jacoby, Jessica Lee, Stella Lee, Kara MacPherson, Patricia Martin, Judy Mounty,

Meredyth Mustafa, Marie Nadolske, Susan Outlaw, Debra Patkin, Jacquelyn Priestley, Lori Schmidt, Irvine Stewart, Rachel St. John, Carolyn Williamson, and Lacey Wood.

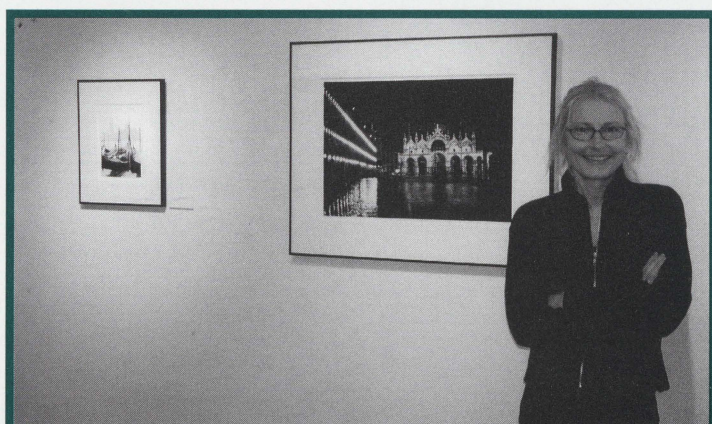
Since 1934, campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have selected students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

The Gallaudet students join an elite group from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Charter Day presentations slated

Thursday, April 3: Alumni guest speaker Agnes Dunn Sutcliffe, '59, "Joys of a Volunteer," 7-8 p.m., Student Academic Center Multimedia Theatre

Friday, April 4: Alumni guest speaker Rev. Thomas Coughlin, '72, "The Art of Overcoming Obstacles to the Roman Catholic Priesthood," noon-1 p.m., Ely Auditorium; Alumni guest speaker Joshua Finkle, '92, "Community Means Activism," 2-3 p.m., Ely Auditorium; Guest speakers Nilwan Pitipat (2003 LCCF EMG Award recipient), Kritsana Lonlue, and Charles Reilly, "Strategies in Deaf Community Development: A Case from the Kingdom of Thailand," 3:15-4:15 p.m., Student Academic Center Auditorium



Dr. Barbara Bodner-Johnson, a professor in the Department of Education and an accomplished photographer, stands with two of her works, "Piazza San Marco at Acqua Alta, Venice" (near left) and "Church of San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice," in the Art Gallery of the Washburn Arts Center. The photos are part of "Summer Light," a collection of 40 of Bodner-Johnson's images created in Venice and Italy's Tuscany region last summer, and in the Southwestern region of the United States in the summer of 2001. "Summer Light," which will continue through March 28, is part of the Gallaudet Connections exhibition series, sponsored by the Art Department.

Gallaudet gets boost on FY 2003 federal appropriation

President Jordan had positive news in a February 26 e-mail to the campus community that Congress had approved \$97.798 million as Gallaudet's 2003 federal appropriation—\$3.4 million more than anticipated.

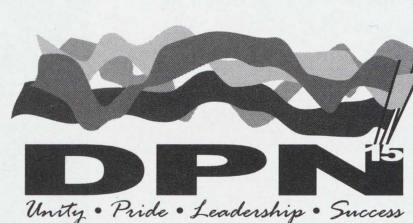
The Board of Trustees last spring passed a \$132 million operating budget based on \$94.4 million in federal funding, so Congress' announcement regarding a higher appropriation was especially welcome. Plans on how to use the additional funding will be submitted to the board for review. Dr. Jordan said in his e-mail that the University intends "to fund educational programs and services that support our strategic objectives as well as invest some money in critical infrastructure."

University administrators are planning two campus meetings this semester related to the budget; the

dates will be announced in the near future. The first meeting will be a budget workshop for representatives from the President's Office, Administration and Finance, and Academic Affairs. The format of the meeting has not been planned, other than to discuss the budget process. The next meeting will be led by Jordan to give the campus community information about this year's federal appropriation, and the planning process for next year's budget.

Jordan thanked "our friends in Congress and the Bush administration" for seeing that Gallaudet received an appropriation on par with the amount it received in FY 2002. That year, Gallaudet received \$96.938 from Congress—an 8.4 percent increase over the 2001 fiscal year—which included about \$4 million to fund improved campus security measures.

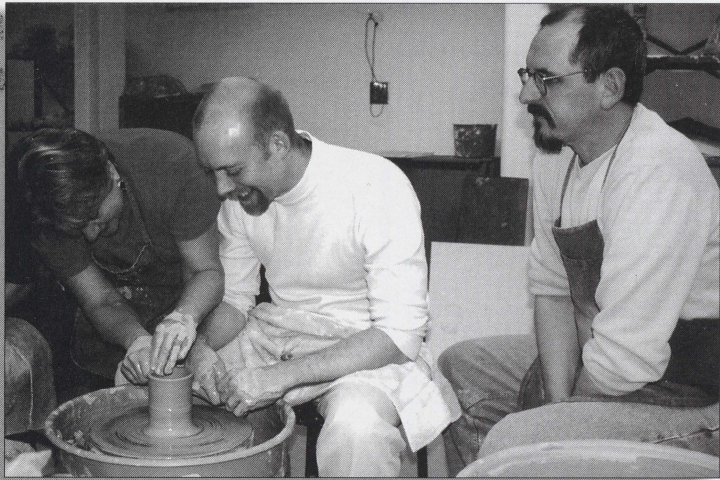
Two events have been planned by the University to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of DPN:



March 26: A DPN Commemorative Social will be held at 'Ole Jim' from 7 to 10 p.m. People who were part of DPN will be present to celebrate the anniversary. There will be a program followed by a reception. Business attire is requested. The event is being arranged by the Gallaudet University Chapter of Collegiate National Association of the Deaf.

March 27: Former student leaders, Bridgetta Bourne-Firl and Tim Rarus, will give a talk and be available for questions and answers, followed by a panel discussion, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the SAC Multipurpose Room. Among the panelists are Andrew Imparato, president and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities; Karen Peltz-Strauss, this year's Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies, who was closely involved in legislative issues relating to telecommunications shortly after DPN; and Kelby Brick, the NAD's associate executive director for law and advocacy. Dr. Benjamin Bahan, professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies, will moderate the afternoon event. The panelists will discuss how DPN has affected them now and then, and their thoughts about the future. A reception will follow the panel.

SSAGE offers diverse paths to learning



Linda Jordan and Andre Pellerin, instructors in a SSAGE pottery class in the Washburn Arts Center, lend their expertise to David Barcla who is making a vase.

Ever wish you knew how to maintain your car instead of emptying your wallet at the repair shop? What about learning how to improve your golf swing, prepare an authentic Thai meal, or trace the roots of your family tree? In the past, deaf people who wanted to explore such paths to personal enrichment had to get an interpreter and enroll in a class led by a hearing instructor.

Not anymore.

Today, the deaf community in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area can avail itself to classes appealing to a wide variety of interests—and led by instructors who are deaf or who have close ties to the deaf community—through Summer & Saturday @ Gallaudet/Enrichment (SSAGE), an office within the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies.

"We have had many requests to offer enrichment courses from deaf and hard of hearing members of the D.C. community," said Ann Hampton, director of Summer & Saturday @ Gallaudet. "We thought SSAGE was a good name to describe the program, since a sage is a person seeking wisdom."

SSAGE classes offer several advantages to deaf people, said Tracey Kempton, program assistant for Summer & Saturday: "One, there is direct communication between the instructor and students; two, it is enjoyable to interact with deaf participants; three, participants don't have to go through the aggravation of finding an interpreter; and four, the classes are held at Gallaudet, which is convenient for the extensive deaf population in the D.C. area."


The challenge was to discover the activities that deaf people in the area want to learn about, and match those interests with the skills of local deaf individuals who would agree to lead the courses. The task went to Kempton, who in September began polling the deaf community. In addition to sending

out mass e-mails and letters, Kempton did a bit of sleuthing, attending meetings by deaf clubs and organizations to further solicit input.

SSAGE classes typically run from one session to 10 sessions, with fees ranging from \$15 to \$150. The first courses began in January with oil painting, led by Mary Thornley, and pottery, led by Linda Jordan and Andre Pellerin. Both proved to be extremely popular, said Kempton. The harsh winter weather forced cancellations of some classes, but they have been rescheduled.

Upcoming classes include "Tour De Gallaudet," an introduction to basic bicycling skills, led by Beverly Buchanan; "Preparing Simple Sushi," by Xiao Hong Fang; "Shape-Up Smorgasbord," by Gina Oliva; "Wall Treatments," by Robert Dickerson; "10 Ingredients to Avoid in Personal Care and Home Care," by Luanne Kowalski; and "Jazz Funk," a movement class combining elements of hip-hop, ballet, and jazz, led by Irvine Stewart. A weekend sailing lesson, a wine tasting class that includes a visit to Virginia vineyards, and an excursion to North Carolina's famed furniture outlets are among future SSAGE offerings.

A full list of classes and a short description of each can be found through the SSAGE link at Summer & Saturday's web site, which can be accessed through Gallaudet's home page.

Kempton's primary goal is to continue generating interest in the fledgling program. Anyone who has a burning desire to windsurf, carve decoys, create an English garden, learn feng shui, identify butterflies, or any of the thousands of other hobbies and pastimes that people enjoy doing in their leisure time—or they'd like to share their talent with others—Kempton is eager to talk with them. She can be reached via e-mail at tracey.kempton@gallaudet.edu. 



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I used to enjoy watching "Deaf Mosaic" on public television until it was discontinued several years ago. Although I don't know why it stopped, it continues to be sorely missed. Is there any possibility of this informative news program returning to television? Thank you, I am....

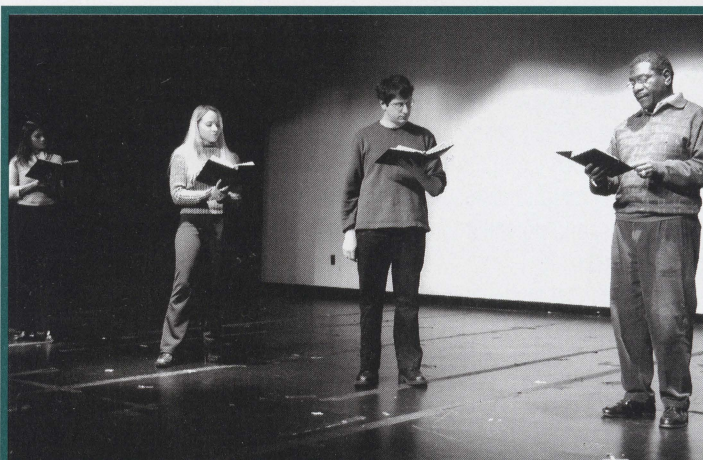
Missing a Few Mosaics

Dear Missing,

Many around the country share similar sentiments about Gallaudet's award-winning program, "Deaf Mosaic." Over the 10 years it aired on public television stations around the country and on cable TV's Discovery Channel, the show attracted tens of thousands—perhaps even more—avid fans.

But, alas and alack, fiscal realities and changing priorities at the University (which paid dearly for the show) brought an end to "Deaf Mo." During its heyday, the show filled an important void in television programming—news and features by and about deaf people—that was accessible to both deaf and hearing audiences. It goes down in history as one of the very few television shows to enjoy such a long and successful run.

And while there is no "Deaf Mo II" on the immediate horizon, all the old programs are available on videotape. Perhaps more importantly, deaf people and issues related to deafness are increasingly part of mainstream television programming.



Cast members from SST Communications read a passage from *Mosaics*, a collection of comedic and dramatic vignettes that examine diversity, at a February 12 presentation in Ely Auditorium. The program was sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and the Office of Diversity and Community Relations.



Dr. Mark Weinberg, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, presents Dr. Cristina Berdichevsky, associate professor, her 10-year service award on February 11 at the monthly department meeting.

NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

Service awards for February:

Five years:

Elizabeth Craft, laboratory coordinator, Biology; **Anjali Desai-Margolin**, job search advisor, Career Center; **Shirley Tomlinson**, custodian, Custodial Services

Fifteen years:

Randy Edwards, custodian, Custodial Services; **Susan Mather**, associate professor, Linguistics and Interpreting; **Blanche Drakeford**, program evaluation specialist, Clerc Center; **Ronald Faulkner**, lead electrician, Maintenance Services; **David Athey**, acquisitions technician, University Library; **Ronald Tate**, shift supervisor, Department of Public Safety

Twenty years:

Paul Singletary, program development/certification officer,

Graduate School and Professional Programs; **Sandra Shell**, supervisor, Custodial Services

Twenty-five years:

Lynne Payne, administrative secretary I, History; **Margaret Simpson**, teacher, Clerc Center; **Laura Sweeney**, academic/career advisor, Academic Advising; **Patricia Yates**, sign language interviewer/rater, Center for ASL Literacy

Thirty-years:

Betsy Kipila, administrative secretary II, Audiology

New employees hired in February:

Janice Barker, bus monitor, Transportation; **Tammy Kinsler**, administrative secretary I, Associate Dean, Professional Programs; **Marilyn Mondia**, head housekeeper/cook,



Paula Tucker, program director for the Gallaudet Hillel chapter, prepares to place a mezuzah on the Jewish Student Association's doorpost in Ely Center on February 10. The mezuzah is found on the doorposts of Jewish homes, and is considered a reminder of God's presence. To Tucker's left is Sophie-Shifra Gold, president of the Hillel chapter.

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Gally Facts:

1): Since 1990, the number of doctoral students at Gallaudet has: a. remained the same; b. decreased to half its size; c. doubled; d. tripled?

2): True or False: In 2001, more than twice as many women received degrees from Gallaudet as men.

Answers:
(1): d. According to the 2001 Enrollment Report, there were 34 doctoral students enrolled at Gallaudet in 1990 and 113 in 2001.
(2): True. Of the 263 degrees awarded in 2001, 187 went to women (71 percent) and 76 went to men (29 percent).
(Facts courtesy of the Office of Planning)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cheerleading

The cheerleading team competed in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) cheerleading competition February 23 and dominated the individual category, finishing first, second, and third. Jessica Rodgers won the individual competition, with teammates Sondra Tessmer finishing second, and Raechelle Wolfert finishing third. As a team, the three cheerleaders won the stunt category, finished second in the dance category, and placed fourth in the cheer mount category.

Men's Basketball

The men got their biggest victory of the season on February 18 when they broke a seven-game losing streak, defeating CAC foe St. Mary's 89-85. Jeremias Valencia scored a season-high 32 points, Robert Haney added 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Elad Rathe added 14 points. The Bison ended the regular season with an 84-63 loss to Marymount on February 23. Haney led Gallaudet with 21 points, and in their last regular season games, seniors Valencia and Rathe added 11 and 10 points, respectively. The Bison lost a tight match to Salisbury, 81-76, on February 12 in a game where Haney played just 20 minutes because of foul trouble. Anton Jackson led Gallaudet with 20 points, Jeremias Valencia added 17, Rathe 15, and Jaimie Valencia added 14. In the first round of the CAC play-offs, the Bison almost beat the nation's fourth-ranked team, Catholic, falling by just 7 points, 65-58. They were once again led by Haney with 20 points, and in his final game in the blue and gold, 16 points from Jeremias Valencia, who finished his career in

sixth place on Gallaudet's all-time scoring list with 1,476 points. Rathe finished his career with 742 points, 391 rebounds, and 100 assists. Jaimie Valencia scored 688 points, grabbed 274 rebounds, and dished out 226 assists in his four-year career. The Bison finished the year 5-21.

Women's Basketball

The women snapped an 11-game losing streak February 18 by beating St. Mary's, 57-54. The game-winning shot for the Bison came with two seconds left, as Kelli Beechy broke a 54-54 tie by sinking a three-pointer. Beechy also added seven assists. Jovin Dinkel added 18 points and Cassey Ellis grabbed 10 rebounds. On February 12, the Bison lost to the CAC's top team, Salisbury, 104-56. Dinkel scored 17 points, and Ellis added 13 rebounds. And on February 22, the Bison lost to Marymount, 89-60, with three of its eight players fouling out. Amy Mowl led Gallaudet with 15 points, Kristin Feldman added 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Beechy scored 11 points and made four steals. In the first round of the CAC playoffs on February 25, the women lost to Salisbury 92-51. Kristin Feldman scored 17 points, grabbed five rebounds, and dished out three assists. Ellis is the lone senior on this year's squad, finishing her Gallaudet career with 487 points, 418 rebounds, 124 assists, and 118 steals. The Bison finished the season 4-22.

Swimming

The men's and women's teams broke several school records at the February 17 CAC swim meet. James Fisher broke a 30-year school record in the 50-yard

freestyle with a time of 23.72. Ray Clark broke his own team record in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:59.97. Clark also lowered his team mark in the 200-meter freestyle and finished fifth in the conference in the 400-yard individual medley at 4:33.22. The four-some of Fisher, Clark, Thor Halverson, and Henry Tsai also broke the school record in the 200-yard freestyle at 1:46, and the 400-yard freestyle at 3:56. For the women, Stephanie Danner won the 500-yard freestyle with a school record, 5:15.47, and came in second in the 200-yard freestyle at 1:58.25, and the 1,650 freestyle at 18:19.34.

Baseball

After snow cancelled their first eight games and confined practices to the indoors, the baseball team let out its frustrations on Williamson Trade March 9, sweeping a doubleheader, 5-3 and 17-11. This marked the first time in 15 years that Gallaudet opened the season with a win. Robert Connor pitched five innings, with Nathan Bayarsky and Curtis Christopherson combining to pitch the other two shut-out innings. The next day, Gallaudet was defeated by Villa Julie, 17-1. The lone Gallaudet run was scored by Mike Wiesner.

Softball

The women's softball team got a late start to the season on March 3, losing a doubleheader to the nation's seventh ranked team, Salisbury, 11-0 and 18-0. Gallaudet only managed to get one hit, by Jill Bianco, in the two games. On defense, Gallaudet committed just two errors. **G**

Dr. Rebecca Fox (left), who presented "Critical Reflective Practice: A Challenge for Growth and Change" in the SAC on February 12, talks with

Linda Thompson, an assistant professor in the Department of

Foreign Languages and Literatures, who hosted the lecture. Fox is the host action director of the Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning Program and assistant professor of education in the Center for Multilingual/Multicultural Education in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University. Studies show that the most effective teachers take a reflective approach to their work, and Fox's talk gave participants an opportunity to consider the role of reflection. She also offered experiential activities designed to encourage critical reflection in teaching. The presentation was sponsored by a grant from Committee F.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

March:

20-22—Academic Bowl, Mid-Atlantic regional competition, MSSD

22—Softball vs. Rutgers-Newark, 2 p.m., two games

23—Baseball vs. York College, 12 p.m., two games

25—Roundtable discussion for CLAST faculty, HMB S150, 9-10 a.m., for more information, call 5224; Baseball vs. Williamson Trade, 1 p.m., two games

26—Last day for undergraduate students to change to AUDIT, Chapel Hall 101; Graduation Fest '03 for the Class of 2003 to make commencement arrangements, pay debts, plan for careers/graduate school, etc., before May graduation, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., SUB Multipurpose Room A, for more information, call x5301; Turn-A-Page-Together, books and lunch provided at no charge, pre-registration required, SUB Room A, 12-1 p.m., for more information, call x5144; Softball vs. Catholic University, 3 p.m., two games; "In the Now," an autobiography of actress Terylene's life, Ely Auditorium, 7 p.m., free admission, co-sponsored by the Gallaudet University Mental Health Center and The Office for Diversity and Community Relations, for more information, call x5366

27—Last day for undergraduate students to withdraw with WD grade, Chapel Hall 101; Softball vs. Mary Baldwin College, 3 p.m., two games

28—"Promoting Resilience in Children and Adults," a Psychology Department colloquium, HMB N304, 12-1 p.m., for more information, call x5540

29—Baseball vs. Mary Washington College, 1 p.m., two games; Softball vs. Baptist Bible College, 1 p.m., two games

30—Tennis vs. Hood College, 12 p.m.

April:

1—"What's Your Sign for.....? Variations in ASL," Distinguished Faculty Lecture by Dr. Ceil Lucas, Swindells Auditorium, GUKCC, 3-4:30 p.m., for more information, call x5301; Tennis vs. Shenandoah University, 3:30 p.m.

2—Roundtable Discussion for CLAST faculty, HMB S150, 9-10 a.m., for more information, call x5224; Turn-A-Page-Together, books and lunch provided at no charge, pre-registration required, SUB, Room A, 12-1 p.m., for more information, call x5144; *Haters*, documentary film by Tania Cuevas-Martinez and Lubna Khalid, followed by a discussion with the filmmakers, free, Ely Auditorium, 3:30 p.m., for more information, call x5366.

2-4—"Genetics, Disability, and Deafness," the second Gallaudet University Press Institute International Conference, Conference Center, e-mail wendy.grande@gallaudet.edu or call x5488.

3—Baseball vs. Catholic University, 3:30 p.m., one game

4—*The Bald Soprano* and *The Chairs*, spring play, Elstad Auditorium, 8-10:30 p.m., \$8 for students, \$10 general, for more information, call x5500/x5502; Tennis vs. York College, 3 p.m.

AMONG OURSELVES

Dr. Stephen Chaikind, a professor in the Department of Business, has written a chapter on federal schools and colleges for the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Education*, published in November by Macmillan Reference USA. The chapter Dr. Chaikind wrote is entitled "Federal Schools and Colleges." It discusses the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools and colleges in the United States that the federal government operates, financially supports, or has chartered. In the section concerning higher education, the government's assistance for Gallaudet, NTID, Howard University, and other historically black colleges, Native American colleges, and others are discussed.

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Chair **Fat Lam** presented a paper, "The Complete Classification of the Pythagorean Triples," at the joint American Mathematical Society-Mathematical Association of America meetings at the Baltimore, Md. Convention Center January 15 to 18.

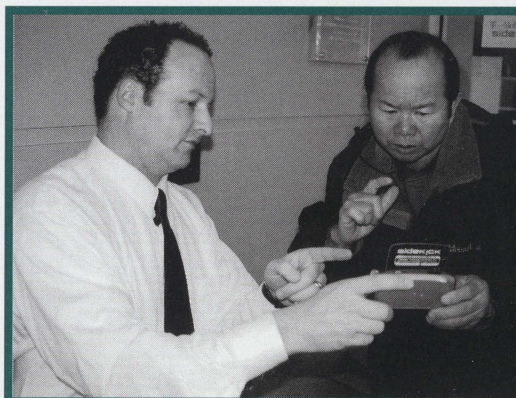
GU Press sponsors genetics conference April 2-4

Gallaudet University Press Institute, the educational division of Gallaudet University Press, is sponsoring a second international conference, "Genetics, Disability, and Deafness," April 2 to 4, at the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. The Schaefer Distinguished Lecture Series and the Office of the Dean, Gallaudet University Graduate School and Professional Programs, are co-sponsors of the conference.

The conference will feature as keynote speakers Louis Menard, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *The Metaphysical Club*, Alan Guttmacher, National Human Genome Research Institute, and Michael Berube, Paterno Family Professor of English, at The Pennsylvania State University and author of *Life as We Know It: A Father, A Family, and an Exceptional Child*.

Explore the latest concepts in genetics related to disability and deafness with a unique gathering of researchers and scholars. These distinguished figures will discuss a wide range of scientific, historical, and ethical topics including the epidemiology of hereditary deafness; A.G. Bell and eugenics; fundamentals of genetics and inheritance patterns; syndromic and non-syndromic deafness regarding gene testing; societal structures, social accommodation and disability; current and future directions of the Human Genome Project; genetic studies in Bali; genetic deafness in a Bedouin community; deafness and eugenics in the Nazi era; and bioethical issues in genetics.

To learn more and to register for the "Genetics, Disability, and Deafness Conference," go online to <http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/gupconference/index.html> **G**



David Simmons (left), CEO of DeafMobile, demonstrates the new T-Mobile SideKick to Kenny Chiang at an information kiosk outside the Bookstore. The kiosk will be open until the end of the semester.

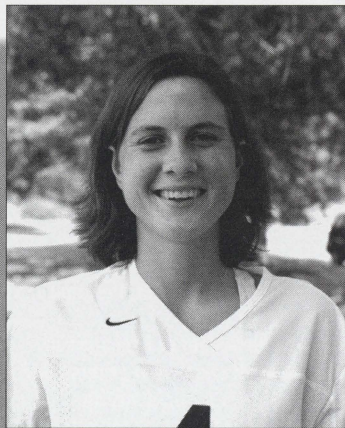


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CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Katie Spiegel—all-around athlete



Katie Spiegel

You name the game, and she plays it. In fact, over the last four years, when she's not in the classroom, Katie Spiegel can be found playing one sport or another for the Gallaudet athletic program.

Spiegel, a senior from Minnesota, is in her fourth and final year with the women's fast-pitch softball team and has played three years each of basketball and soccer. In softball she plays center-field and shortstop, in soccer she is a midfielder, and in basketball she plays post, forward, and guard. All these positions require a lot of speed and quickness, skills that Spiegel possesses.


Soccer is Spiegel's favorite sport, she said, because "it is like a chess match." In addition to the mental challenge, she said that soccer "comes naturally to me." Spiegel said that basketball is the

toughest sport for her because it requires working closely as a team, playing together, and passing the ball constantly, all on a small court.

Last year, Spiegel was the only Gallaudet player named to the Capital Athletic Conference All-Tournament softball team, after hitting .350, with a .391 on-base percentage.

Spiegel has experienced many exciting plays on the field or court; her favorite one shows how much of a team player she is. Her most memorable moment came during a basketball game "when Kelli Beechy made a 3-pointer to beat St. Mary's at the buzzer on February 19," she said. "I had never been on a team that won a game on a last-second shot like that before."

Playing sports year-round has enriched Spiegel's social circle. "There are so many wonderful friends that I've made, who I wouldn't know if I didn't play sports," she said.

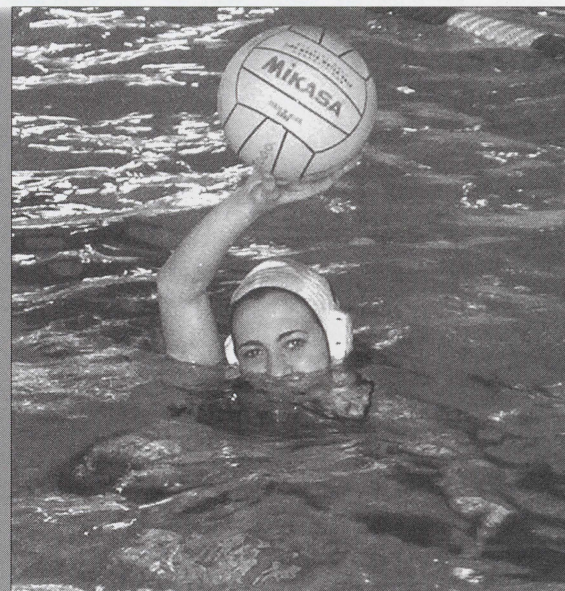
With so much enthusiasm for sports, it would be too much of a hardship for someone like Spiegel to leave the athletic field when she graduates. Right now, she wants to stay involved by getting into coaching. A pupil of numerous coaches herself, she said that the lesson she's learned from each one is, "There is not just one way of coaching. Different ways of coaching help each player in different ways." 

MSSD student joins Gonzaga's water polo team

Christina Burke, an MSSD student from California, found out about MSSD when her best friend came to Gallaudet University as a freshman. Later, Burke and her mother came to Washington, D.C., to visit, and her friend took them on a tour of the campus, including MSSD. "I was so overwhelmed by deaf culture because I had never seen everyone sign everywhere," said Burke. "My mom was very impressed with [MSSD] and its programs. She said that she would like me to go to this school, and encouraged me to apply."


This past September, Burke started MSSD as a senior. Everything was going great, but there was a catch—Burke has a passion for playing water polo. MSSD has a variety of competitive team sports, but water polo isn't one of them. Then an interesting opportunity came up. MSSD Work Experience Specialist Frank Turk arranged for Burke to meet Joe Reyda, the coach of Gonzaga College High School's water polo team.

Burke told Reyda about her experience as a goalie for a water polo team in California and how she had received Most Valuable Player awards for two consecutive years. A bit nervous, she attended a practice with the team, all of whom are hearing males—since Gonzaga is a school for boys. She swam some laps, then proceeded to wow the team with her skills in water polo.



Christina Burke

"After the practice, Joe kept telling me how excellent I was," said Burke. "He said he would like me to go to their games and play with them." So Burke joined the team as its only female player. She and her teammates have been writing and getting to know each other. One teammate, Ben, communicates with her using Instant Messenger and has learned some sign language and finger spelling. In November, the team competed in the Eastern Water Polo Tournament with teams from all over the East Coast where Burke was the only girl at the tournament.

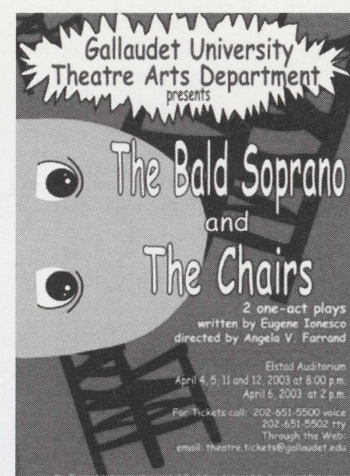
MSSD helped Burke fulfill her dream. "I love water polo. It's my soul mate, period," she said. 

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An evening with Eugene Ionesco: 'The Bald Soprano' and 'The Chairs'



Playwright Eugene Ionesco is acknowledged as the father of "Theatre of the Absurd." *The Bald Soprano*, his first play, produced in 1950, is a parody of middle class language and manners. It begins with two polite couples spending a social evening at home. A fire chief and a maid enter the fray, as language and logic break apart. Performed in an "absurdist" theatre style, this entertaining cast of characters challenges the audience to examine why people use small talk to conceal what they're really feeling.


The Chairs is a funny, but tragic, farce that finds an elderly couple amusing themselves and trying to justify their lives by creating fictional stories. The old man imagines he has a great message that will save the world, and that crowds of people are coming to hear it. As these "guests" arrive, his wife brings in chairs to accommodate them. The line between fantasy and hallucination is blurred as the couple's game becomes their reality, leading to a shocking and ironic climax.

The Gallaudet Theatre Arts Department's production of these Ionesco plays will be directed by Angela Farrand. Performances are April 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8 for students with ID and \$10 general admission. Tickets can be ordered by phone, x5500 (Voice) and x5502 (TTY); by fax: (202) 651-5968; by email: theatre.tickets@gallaudet.edu; or through the Theatre Arts Department website:

<http://depts.gallaudet.edu/theatre/Events/events.html>.

Reserved tickets will be held at the Box Office Window under the last name. Tickets must be picked up no later than 30 minutes before the start of the performance. Tickets not picked up will be sold on a first come, first served basis. This performance is for ages 13 years and up.

Box Office hours are: March 31-April 3, 2-5 p.m.; April 4, 2-8 p.m.; April 5, 5-8 p.m.; April 6, noon-2 p.m.; April 7-10, 2-5 p.m.; April 11, 2-8 p.m.; and April 12, 5-8 p.m. 

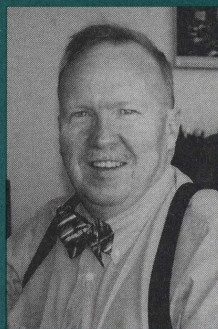
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Who will win the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament?



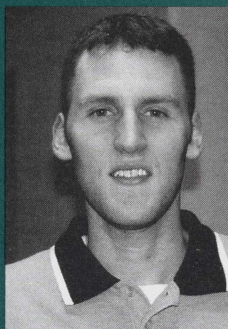
Sarah Doleac, assistant professor, Physical Education and Recreation, women's softball head coach, assistant director, Personal Discovery:

The University of Connecticut will win the Women's Tournament, and I hope the University of Maryland wins the men's tournament.



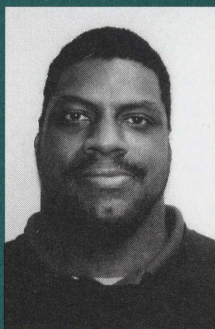
Robert Williams, professor, Department of Psychology:

Prevailing wisdom suggests Kentucky will win it all but I'm from the West so I'm going with the latest "Walton Gang" and pick Arizona to win the men's tourney. That same wisdom would suggest U. Conn. is unbeatable but Tennessee had them on the ropes once this year so I'll go with the upset and pick The University of Tennessee to win the women's championship.



Chad Duhon, academic coordinator for athletics, Athletics Department:

In the men's bracket I'd like to see Syracuse win it, but I think they might be a little too young right now. I'll take Oklahoma. I've got to go with Connecticut in the women's tournament.



James Tabron, mover, Central Receiving:

Maryland will win the men's tournament and Tennessee will win the women's tournament.